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The Kadena Air Base commander informed me yesterday that Japanese tax authorities have clamped down on use of the Kadena golf course by persons who do not have authority to do so under the Status of Forces Agreement.

We are trying to work out some way to enable those TCN employees who play golf fairly regularly to be placed on a list at the Club so you can continue to sign up. Otherwise you would have to go as a guest.

What the clampdown means is this:

(1) "Local nationals" (i.e., Japanese) cannot play the course except as the guest of a member. The Japanese player must then actually play with that member.

(2) Only Americans who have "SOFA" stamps in their passports can play the course. Thus our U.S. employees are o.k.; off-base Americans have a problem.

The question of our TCN's is something I will try to work out with the Kadena authorities. But before I talk with them (on Thursday) I need to know how many and who regularly use the Kadena course.

If you do use the course, please see me either Tuesday or Wednesday. If you are a golfer, this is important. I will talk with the Air Force legal people Thursday.

Bureau Chief

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